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The Honorable Tom Kirby  
State Representative  
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 501-C  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification  
House Bill (LC 43 1191)

Dear Representative Kirby:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement and death benefits for the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia. Specifically, this bill would increase death benefit from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This benefit is payable to:

- Inactive members who would otherwise qualify to be carried upon the active membership rolls except for the fact that the member no longer holds the office of sheriff;
- Members who are receiving retirement benefits;
- Members who are qualified to receive retirement benefits except they have not reached the age of 55 years, have not filed an application, or have not yet been approved for benefits; and
- Active members

This is to certify that this bill is a fiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin

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State Auditor

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